## Okaloosa County News Release

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## Alert Okaloosa Registration Encouraged Alert Okaloosa Replacing Code Red Weather Warnings

A new program called Alert Okaloosa will replace the existing Code Red Weather Warnings System on **July 1**<sup>st</sup> **and you can register now**, prior to activation. Alert Okaloosa utilizes a new program, called Everbridge, acquired through the State for a substantial savings; however, **current Code Red users will have to re-register**, if you are a registered Code Red user. Select this link to register:

https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736724689#/signup

An added feature of the new system allows all users the ability to choose or specialize the notification they want to receive and set times they do not want to be notified. For instance if they do not want to be notified from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. they can set that. Setting the time of no notification is optional, but everyone must check the boxes for the types of notifications wanted within the system.

Alert Okaloosa will only alert the areas impacted by an emergency or weather warning **and works on TDD/TTY phones for the hearing impaired.** All residents who wish to be notified for tornado, severe thunderstorm, and flash flood warnings simply add their contact information. In the event of a tornado, this notification could save your life. If you do not have internet access please contact Okaloosa County Public Safety at 850-651-7150 and someone will assist you.

The **Alert Okaloosa icon will replace Code Red on July 1**st, in the meantime, follow the link to register, on the Okaloosa County web site, home page at <a href="www.okaloosafl.com">www.okaloosafl.com</a>, and register online anytime. Call 911 for emergencies, and 311 for the Citizens Information Line.